



Georgia Department of Transportation

Questions and Answers

State Route 316 Interchange Construction at Collins Hill Rd and SR 20

1. What is DOT doing on State Route 316?

Georgia DOT is changing two existing signalized intersections into one interchange. The signals will be removed and the area will be an exit or interchange like the other exits along SR 316 closer into Atlanta. One interchange will service both Collins Hill Road and State Route 20. SR 316 will be like an interstate or freeway with limited access only at exits or interchanges from east of SR 20 to Interstate 85.

Two new bridges will be built. One will take Collins Hill Road and one will take SR 20 over State Route 316. The roads will no longer intersect with State Route 316. Access will be via ramps through an interchange.

2. Why is this work necessary?

The area has outgrown the existing intersections. Gwinnett County has been one of the nation's fastest growing counties for three decades. The new interchange will allow more vehicles to flow through the area more efficiently; increasing capacity and enhancing safety by separating SR 316 traffic from Collins Hill or SR 20 traffic.

3. How will I be affected?

About 80% of the work on this project will occur outside the lanes of traffic but you may be inconvenienced overnights and on weekends as lanes of SR 316, Collins Hill Road and State Route 20 are closed. Work hour restrictions limit lane closures on the project.

Barrels, equipment, materials and people will be moving continually through the project. Things will change on a daily basis. Lanes will be shifted at times. Temporary lanes will be built for traffic to use for a short time. Access will change based on the work scheduled. Please allow for extra time as you travel through the work zone.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org. For information on the Department of Transportation, visit (www.dot.ga.gov); you also may follow Georgia DOT on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) (<http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>) and [Twitter](http://twitter.com/gadepthoftrans) (<http://twitter.com/gadepthoftrans>).

4. What are the exact times of lane closures?

Most work will be done outside of the lanes of traffic; overnight or on weekends so weekday commuter traffic will not be interrupted. Only single-lane closures during daytime "off-peak" travel times will be allowed. No lane closures will be allowed during Holiday weekends.

5. Why is most of the work overnights or on the weekends?

Georgia DOT has to balance working on the roads and keeping roads open for use. To facilitate construction while not impacting the flow of traffic DOT will not allow any lane closures during peak commute times. Work hours are different for SR 316, SR 20 and Collins Hill Road. Work that does not require lane closures can occur at anytime. The contractor must follow the lane closure schedule and have lanes reopened by the specified time or incur a financial penalty.

6. Can I still use State Route 316, Collins Hill Road and State Route 20?

All roads will be available for use throughout construction but delays will occur. Roads will be shifted over, access points will change. Gravel will be used instead of asphalt for extremely short periods. Overnights and weekends lane closures will occur and delays will be longer as work is active in an area.

Off-duty law enforcement officers will be in the work zone to monitor the construction zone. Remember that all fines are doubled inside a work zone and speed limits are lowered inside an active work zone.

7. When will the project be finished?

The contract completion date is December 31, 2014 for roadwork and May 31, 2016 for vegetation included in the project. There are incentives built into the contract. The contractor could earn up to \$2 million if the project is completed ahead of the contract completion date.

8. What is the cost of the project?

The contract was awarded to G.P.'s Enterprises Incorporates of Auburn, Georgia for a bid amount of \$37,395,727.79.

9. Who is paying for this project?

The project is federally and state funded, 80% or \$29,916,581.39 comes from federal gas tax with 20% or \$7,479,145.40 matching funds from the state gas tax.

10. Will my drive to UGA home football games be impacted?

Lane closures are not allowed on Saturdays of home football games at UGA. Your travel to Sanford Stadium for home football games will not be impacted by the construction of this project.

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